

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. Serial No. : 10/599,921  
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Entitled : FRACTURE PREDICTION DEVICE FOR SPOT  
WELDED PORTION, METHOD OF THE SAME,  
COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER  
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM  
Group Art Unit : 2123  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**EXAMINER:**

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated January 19, 2011 (the "Office Action") with Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified application. Please amend the application, and consider the remarks as set forth herein below:

**In The Claims:**

Please amend claims 9-16 as provided below in the associated claim listing on separate sheets: